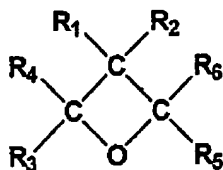


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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An actinic ray curable composition containing a photo acid generator, and an oxetane compound I of the following formula,



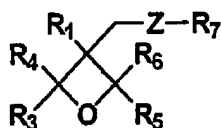
wherein R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>5</sub>, and R<sub>6</sub> independently represent a hydrogen atom, a fluorine atom, an alkyl group having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, a fluoroalkyl group having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, an allyl group, an aryl group, a furyl group or a thienyl group, provided that R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>5</sub>, and R<sub>6</sub> are not simultaneously hydrogen atoms, and wherein the longer C-O bond distance of the two C-O bond distances in the formula is from 0.1464 to 0.1500 nm, and wherein the composition has a viscosity at 25°C of from 7 to 50 mPa.s.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

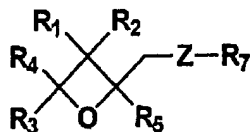
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3. (Previously Presented) The actinic ray curable composition of claim 1, wherein the composition further contains an oxetane compound II represented by formula 2, 3, 4 or 5 or an oxetane compound III represented by formula 6 or 7,

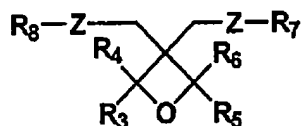
Formula 2



Formula 3

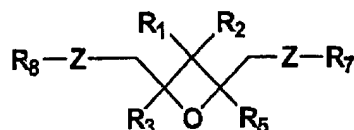


Formula 4



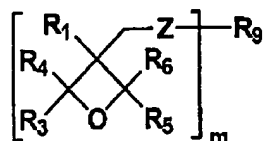
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Formula 5

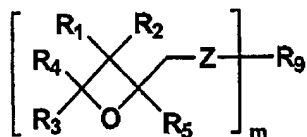


wherein  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$ ,  $R_4$ ,  $R_5$  and  $R_6$  independently represent a hydrogen atom or a substituent, and Z represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a divalent hydrocarbon group or a divalent hydrocarbon group in which an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom is intervened,

Formula 6



Formula 7

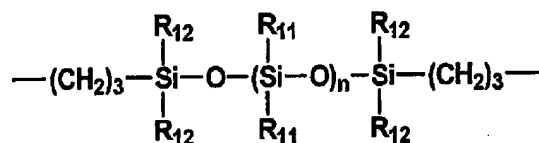


wherein  $R_1$  through  $R_6$  independently represent a hydrogen atom, a fluorine atom, an alkyl group having a carbon atom number of from 1 to 6 such as a methyl group, an ethyl group, a propyl group or a butyl group, a fluoroalkyl group having a carbon atom

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number of from 1 to 6, an allyl group, an aryl group, or a furyl group; m is 2, 3 or 4; Z represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a divalent hydrocarbon group or a divalent hydrocarbon group in which an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom is intervened; and R<sub>9</sub> represents a straight chain or branched chain alkylene group having from 1 to 12 carbon atoms, a straight chain or branched chain poly(alkylene oxy) group, or a divalent group selected from the group consisting of the following formula 9, 10 and 11,

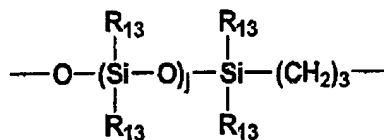
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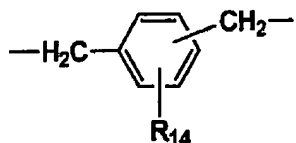
wherein n represents an integer of from 0 to 2000; R<sub>11</sub> represents an alkyl group having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms or a group represented by the following formula 12; and R<sub>12</sub> represents an alkyl group having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms,

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Formula 12

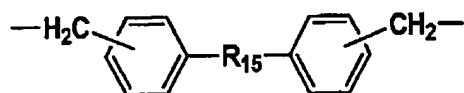


wherein  $j$  represents an integer of from 0 to 100;  $\text{R}_{13}$  represents an alkyl group having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms,  
Formula 10



wherein  $\text{R}_{14}$  represents an alkyl group having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms, a halogen atom, a nitro group, a cyano group, a mercapto group, an alkoxycarbonyl group or a carboxyl group,

Formula 11



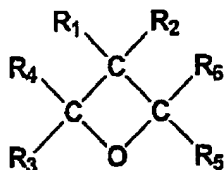
wherein  $\text{R}_{15}$  represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom,  $\text{---NH---}$ ,  $\text{---SO---}$ ,  $\text{---SO}_2\text{---}$ ,  $\text{---(CH}_2\text{)---}$ ,  $\text{---C(CH}_3\text{)}_2\text{---}$  or  $\text{---(CF}_3\text{)}_2\text{---}$ .

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4. (Original) The actinic ray curable composition of claim 1, wherein the composition further contains an oxirane compound having an oxirane ring.

Claim 5 (Canceled).

6. (Currently Amended) An actinic ray curable composition containing a photo acid generator, and an oxetane compound I' of the following formula,



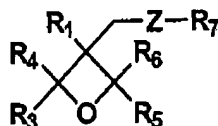
wherein R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>5</sub>, and R<sub>6</sub> independently represent a hydrogen atom, a fluorine atom, an alkyl group having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, a fluoroalkyl group having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, an allyl group, an aryl group, a furyl group or a thienyl group, provided that R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>5</sub>, and R<sub>6</sub> are not simultaneously hydrogen atoms, and wherein in the formula, the longer C-O bond distance of the two C-O bond distances is from 0.1435 to 0.1461 nm, and the oxygen atom has a charge of from -0.330 to -0.281, and wherein the composition has a viscosity at 25°C of from 7 to 50 mPa.s.

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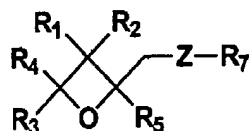
Claim 7 (Canceled).

8. (Previously Presented) The actinic ray curable composition of claim 6, wherein the composition further contains an oxetane compound II represented by formula 2, 3, 4 or 5 or an oxetane compound III represented by formula 6 or 7,

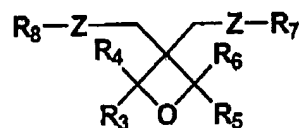
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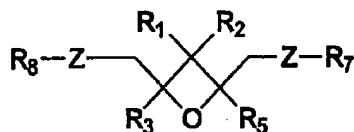


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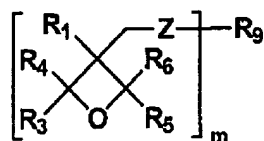
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Formula 5

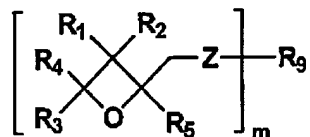


wherein  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$ ,  $R_4$ ,  $R_5$  and  $R_6$  independently represent a hydrogen atom or a substituent, and Z represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a divalent hydrocarbon group or a divalent hydrocarbon group in which an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom is intervened,

Formula 6



Formula 7



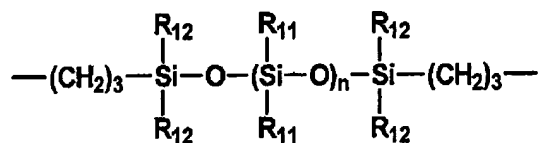
wherein  $R_1$  through  $R_6$  independently represent a hydrogen atom, a fluorine atom, an alkyl group having a carbon atom number of from 1 to 6 such as a methyl group, an ethyl group, a propyl group or a butyl group, a fluoroalkyl group having a carbon atom



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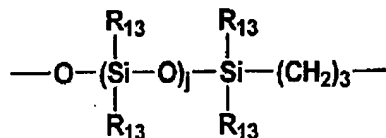
number of from 1 to 6, an allyl group, an aryl group, or a furyl group; m is 2, 3 or 4; Z represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a divalent hydrocarbon group or a divalent hydrocarbon group in which an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom is intervened; and R<sub>9</sub> represents a straight chain or branched chain alkylene group having from 1 to 12 carbon atoms, a straight chain or branched chain poly(alkylene oxy) group, or a divalent group selected from the group consisting of the following formula 9, 10 and 11,

Formula 9



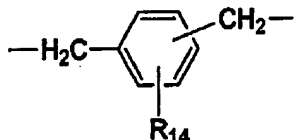
wherein n represents an integer of from 0 to 2000; R<sub>11</sub> represents an alkyl group having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms or a group represented by the following formula 12; and R<sub>12</sub> represents an alkyl group having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms,

Formula 12



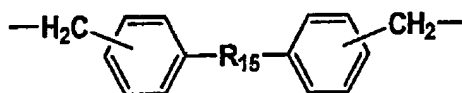
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wherein  $j$  represents an integer of from 0 to 100;  $R_{13}$  represents an alkyl group having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms,  
Formula 10



wherein  $R_{14}$  represents an alkyl group having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms, a halogen atom, a nitro group, a cyano group, a mercapto group, an alkoxy carbonyl group or a carboxyl group,

Formula 11



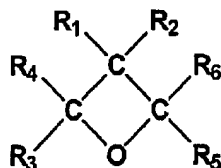
wherein  $R_{15}$  represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom,  $\text{-NH-}$ ,  $\text{-SO-}$ ,  $\text{-SO}_2\text{-}$ ,  $\text{-(CH}_2\text{)-}$ ,  $\text{-C(CH}_3\text{)}_2\text{-}$  or  $\text{-(CF}_3\text{)}_2\text{-}$ .

9. (Original) The actinic ray curable composition of claim 6, wherein the composition further contains an oxirane compound having an oxirane ring.

Claim 10 (Canceled).

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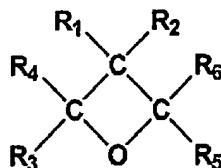
11. **(Currently Amended)** An actinic ray curable ink, containing pigment, a photo acid generator, and an oxetane compound I of the following formula,



wherein R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>5</sub>, and R<sub>6</sub> independently represent a hydrogen atom, a fluorine atom, an alkyl group having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, a fluoroalkyl group having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, an allyl group, an aryl group, a furyl group or a thienyl group, provided that R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>5</sub>, and R<sub>6</sub> are not simultaneously hydrogen atoms, and wherein the longer C-O bond distance of the two C-O bond distances in the formula is from 0.1464 to 0.1500 nm, and wherein the composition has a viscosity at 25°C of from 7 to 50 mPa.s.

12. **(Currently Amended)** An actinic ray curable ink, containing pigment, a photo acid generator, and an oxetane compound I' of the following formula,

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wherein R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>5</sub>, and R<sub>6</sub> independently represent a hydrogen atom, a fluorine atom, an alkyl group having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, a fluoroalkyl group having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, an allyl group, an aryl group, a furyl group or a thienyl group, provided that R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>5</sub>, and R<sub>6</sub> are not simultaneously hydrogen atoms, and wherein in the formula, the longer C-O bond distance of the two C-O bond distances is from 0.1435 to 0.1461 nm, and the oxygen atom has a charge of from -0.330 to -0.281, and wherein the composition has a viscosity at 25°C of from 7 to 50 mPa·s.

Claim 13-20 (Cancelled).

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